

JOSEPH A. DORTON.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Joseph A. Dorton, son of John Dorton and Catherine Carl, was born June 5, 1821, at Stockport, Cheshire, England. He came to Utah in 1855, and moved to Lehi in 1857. He was the first butcher in Lehi, also the first one to move outside of the old fort wall, moving over on the divide between this valley and Cedar Valley. He had remarkable skill in dealing with the Indians.

He crossed the plains with the Saints to enjoy freedom of worship, and made two trips back to pilot two more immigrant trains to Utah.

He married Martha Clayton in 1858, and was the father of twelve children. In 1860 he conducted the stage line between Salt Lake and Cedar Fort.

He died November 5, 1898.